

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed  
and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**DEVICE FOR HOLDING AT LEAST TWO OBLONG ARTICLES**

The specification of which:

XX is the United States patent application filed under 35 USC 371,  
corresponding to **PCT/EP2004/012767** having international filing date  
**November 11, 2004;**

was filed on **June 29, 2006** as Application Serial No. **10/584,873** and was  
amended on **June 29, 2006**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified  
specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all  
information which is material to patentability (as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56) in  
connection with the examination of this application.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s)  
listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is  
not disclosed in the prior United States application in the matter provided by the first  
paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I shall acknowledge the duty to disclosure material  
information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of  
the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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(Application No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status—patented, pending,  
abandoned)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 of any foreign  
application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate of any PCT International application(s)  
designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below  
and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's  
certificate or any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other

than the United States of America filed by us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

<u>PCT</u>	<u>PCT/EP2004/012767</u>	<u>November 11, 2004</u>	<u>YES</u>
Country	Application Number	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed
<u>Germany</u>	<u>10 2004 005 432.0</u>	<u>February 4, 2004</u>	<u>YES</u>
Country	Application Number	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

(Application Number)	(Filing Date)

I hereby designate as my mailing address the office of:

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And I hereby appoint each of the following attorneys, all of whom are associated with Tarolli, Sundheim, Covell & Tummino, LLP (Telephone No. 216/621-2234), as attorney of record to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith: John R. Hlavka, Reg. No. 29,076; Robert B. Sundheim, Reg. No. 20,127; Calvin G. Covell, Reg. No. 24,042; Barry L. Tummino, Reg. No. 29,709; James L. Tarolli, Reg. No. 36,029; Richard S. Wesorick, Reg. No. 40,871; Matthew M. Shaheen, Reg. No. 45,367; Richard A. Sutkus, Reg. No. 43,941; Gary J. Pitzer, Reg. No. 39,334; and Christopher P. Harris, Reg. No. 43,660.

and I hereby appoint the foregoing, John R. Hlavka, Reg. No. 29,076 as principal attorney.

This appointment shall include all power to prosecute and transact all business relating to all applications corresponding to the referenced application in all countries, including all regional and international patent offices, such as, but not limited to, the European Patent Office and all offices and bureaus established in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

I hereby further designate and appoint any officer of Tarolli, Sundheim, Covell & Tummino, LLP my attorney in fact with full power of substitution and revocation, including power to designate a substitute principal attorney.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made of information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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